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Photo by Airman 1st Class Stephen Linch

Staff Sgt. Jessica Gilbert, Senior Master Sgt. Wesley Maxwell (back) and 1st Lt. Timothy Pitzer, 509th Maintenance Group, work together to assemble a beyond-line-of-sight rack to enable a B-2 to use the new Link-16 system. This upgrade allows allied aircraft with the Link-16 system to communicate and transfer large amounts of data faster, more accurately and more securely than the current system.

Air Force investing in greater lethality for B-2s

LANGLEY AIR FORCE BASE, Va. — The Air Force isn't being stealthy about plans to upgrade its B-2 Spirit fleet; officials say the bomber will need numerous upgrades over its life span.

Some upgrades are already complete, but others are planned years, even decades ahead, said Lt. Col. Brian Zembraski, 509th Bomb Wing director of staff at Whiteman Air Force Base, Mo.

"We need to look to the future to the ways to keep up with the changes in technology, improve upon the aircraft, implement those things in any future platforms that the Air Force may move towards," Colonel Zembraski said.

The colonel said the B-2 has already been fitted with improved bomb racks that have increased the number of 500-pound guided bombs these aircraft

can carry from 16 to 80, a 500-percent expansion. More important upgrades are coming, he said.

In addition, Colonel Zembraski said improvements have been made to the Spirit's coating, which has reduced maintenance actions from days to minutes.

Next in line for the B-2 is "Link-16," a radio that will feed targeting information directly to individual bombs. Other future upgrades include radar updates, which will enable the B-2's weaponry to reach targets further underground.

"With the capabilities of satellite communications, our ability to get e-mail into the cockpit, direct communications into the cockpit, pictures of the battlefield with Link 16, (it) is absolutely essential to the battlefield of today," the colonel said. *(Courtesy of Air Force Print News)*

Honor guard helps lay President Ford to rest

By Staff Sgt. Madelyn Waychoff
Air Force Honor Guard Public Affairs

WASHINGTON — It's what many Airmen work for, day in and day out — the chance to actually do what they have been training for, and to carry out their mission to the fullest. For members of the Air Force Honor Guard here at Bolling Air Force Base, this is that day.

These honor guardsmen helped the nation pay its final respects to former President Gerald Ford. The 38th president was honored with a funeral service at the National Cathedral here Jan. 2. Services will continue at the Ford presidential museum in Grand Rapids, Mich.

The role of the honor guard began as soon as news was heard that President Ford had died. The guard maintains a 24-person state funeral flyaway team, which is always on standby. They deploy to wherever needed when notified a president or senior statesman has died.

In the case of President Ford, the Airmen were sent to California the morning of Dec. 27 to assist the other services with the transfer of President Ford's body to the church in Palm Desert, Calif. While his body lay in state, Airmen and other servicemembers served as a Guard of Honor, maintain a vigil over the president's body at all times.

The flyaway team also assisted with the airfield transfer to the VC-25, and then redeployed to Michigan to await the president's arrival at his museum.

In Washington, out of the 250 ceremonial guardsmen, 24 were flyaway team members and more than 80 Airmen were involved in the funeral. Two Airmen were chosen as pallbearers for



Photo by Master Sgt. Jim Varhegyi

Airmen from the Air Force Honor Guard and Air Force Band were involved from start to finish with the memorial services for former U.S. President Gerald R. Ford, who passed away Dec. 26.

the president.

Other guardsmen formed cordons through which the former president was carried, stood in formation outside the Capitol, held vigil over the president's body and carried the flag, along with

Navy, Marines, Army and Coast Guard members.

"This is what we train for," said Senior Master Sgt. Andre Karr, honor guard acting director of operations. "We train with the other services every quarter, and even

when we are in the middle of executing a funeral we are still training.

"This is the epitome of what being in the honor guard is, the height of any ceremonial guardsman's career and it is an honor just to be a part of it."

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Air Force Quiz Question:

What is the incubation period of inhaled anthrax? (See answer below).

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Air Force Quiz answer:

Niner's Notes

New year, sharp focus

By Brig. Gen. Greg Biscone
509th Bomb Wing commander

Welcome back from the holidays ... and thanks for taking care of yourselves and each other during the break! I hope you enjoyed some well-deserved time off with family and friends.

Now it's time to refocus our efforts on the important work we do and our strong tradition of excellence.

I know that for many, the New Year brings with it new goals, both professional and personal, to help guide our achievements.

General Ronald Keys, the Commander of Air Combat Command, provided us his vector: help our nation "win the long war and prepare for the next!" We'll stay on the flight path we're on to get the job done.

Vision – continue to build an organization that we, and others, see in this way.

509ers are ready Airmen who fly, fix and support without equal ... and get a little better at it every day. We are the warfighter's choice for global strike.

Mission – who we are, our end product and for whom we

provide the effect.

Skilled, proud Airmen providing full spectrum, expeditionary, B-2 global strike and combat support capabilities to geographic commanders and the U. S. Strategic Command commander, while we provide Team Whiteman mission support.

WE KICK DOWN DOORS AND KILL TARGETS!

Vector – our energy is focused on doing or supporting these things.

- Develop Airmen, build the team
- Be ready to generate and deploy
- Win the fight when called

Core values – the foundation for all of our actions.

- Integrity first
- Service before self
- Excellence in all that we do.

Together, we'll get a little stronger every day as we strengthen our team.

In this way, we'll continue to build our mission capabilities and our Air Force family. Thanks in advance for your strength and focus this year!



Photo by Nettie Fairweather

Brig. Gen. Greg Biscone, 509th Bomb Wing commander, presents Clark Hunt, son of the late Lamar Hunt, an American flag that was flown in a B-2 Spirit, A-10 Thunderbolt II and an AH-64 Apache. This was part of the halftime ceremony during the Kansas City Chiefs vs. Jacksonville Jaguars football game Sunday. Also pictured is Staff Sgt. Stephen DuBois, 509th Civil Engineer Squadron, and 1st Lt. Melissa Hull, 509th Security Forces Squadron. These two Bronze Star recipients were recognized in front of more than 75,000 football fans for their valiant efforts in fighting the war on terror.

Airmen in Afghanistan doing more than flying

By Maj. David Kurle
442nd Fighter Wing public affairs

There's a lot happening in the War on Terror that doesn't make the front page.

For more than four months I had the honor of serving in Afghanistan, along side our wing's pilots and maintainers, as part of the 455th Air Expeditionary Wing.

I traveled extensively, covering Air Force stories across the country, from the volatile regions in the south, to the relatively peaceful provinces in the north.

I met hundreds of Airmen - active-duty, Guard and Reserve - serving their country (and the world), conducting their missions with professionalism, honor and compassion.

What may surprise some people is the variety of missions the Air Force is conducting there and the massive impact these activities are having on a country torn apart by 30 years of war.

Of course, Airmen are doing what the Air Force is known for - flying combat sorties.

A-10 pilots and maintainers ensure that firepower and ordnance is brought to bear when and where the forces on the ground need it.

Without the aid of artillery, ground forces depend on timely, accurate and effective close air support - and the Air Force delivers - I saw it first hand.

A-10s from Whiteman and from Spangdahlem Air Base, Germany, supported four offensives this summer, rooting out terrorists and Taliban extremists from places where they'd been holed up for four years. These four offensives, more than anything, accounted for the increase in Taliban activity over the summer - not a supposed

resurgence of extremism that was widely reported in the media.

And the A-10 isn't the only plane in action over Afghanistan.

Air National Guardsmen flying C130s complete flying missions every day, delivering food, water, ammunition and other supplies to U.S. forces on the ground. The airdrop mission in Afghanistan is vital to re-supplying remote outposts of Soldiers and Airmen scattered throughout the country. In fact, C-130 airdrops have not been conducted on this scale since the Vietnam War.

But some of the most amazing missions are taking place on the ground.

Because the Army is stretched between Iraq and Afghanistan, it relies on the Air Force for manpower to conduct embedded training team and provincial reconstruction team missions, which directly affect the rebuilding of Afghanistan.

Airmen on the embedded training teams work every day with the Afghan National Army to mold it into an effective fighting force that can sustain and support itself - the aim is to get Afghans to protect and serve their own citizens.

Six Air Force-led provincial reconstruction teams perform security, lead reconstruction efforts, assess humanitarian needs and promote good governance by serving as advisors to the governors in the provinces the teams are assigned to.

The PRTs assess the needs of Afghans, advise the provincial governors on the best way to address those needs and manage the funding to make it happen.

One team I covered facilitated the construction of a bridge over a river that connected a village of more than 1,000 families to health care, education and jobs.

By building that bridge, the PRT opened a new world to those Afghans, who are now less susceptible to the propaganda disseminated by Taliban extremists.

Another PRT runs a trade school - teaching Afghans marketable skills and turning them into electricians, mechanics and textile workers. This provides Afghans with an opportunity to rebuild their own country, while making a decent living at the same time.

One event during the deployment defined for me, personally, why we went into Afghanistan, and why we need to continue our efforts there.

On Father's Day, one of our C-130 transport crews medically evacuated a 12-year-old girl from Herat, in western Afghanistan. Suffering from a broken collar bone, broken back and head injuries, she was one of the lucky ones, four other girls were killed and 10 more wounded when Taliban extremists blew up their school while it was in session.

It's the type of atrocity this enemy would commit here in the U.S., if it weren't for Airmen, Soldiers, Sailors and Marines there, taking the fight to the enemy.

All of the U.S. and international military forces in Afghanistan are working toward the same goal: To keep Afghanistan from ever again being a safe haven for the kind of people who would blow up a school for little girls or commit acts of terror in our country.

As we continue to provide security for Afghanistan, the birthplace of the 9/11 terrorist attacks, it's important to remember that Afghans make progress every day and that there are Airmen there making sure they can continue.

Newsline

Road opens on base



A new road will open at the close of business today. The new extension of Travis Lane is located off of Spirit Boulevard and travels between the Airman leadership school and the child development center to Gray Lane.

OSC relax and rejuvenate social

The January Officers' Spouses' Club social will be held at 6:30 p.m. Jan. 25 at Players restaurant in Warrensburg.

There is a choice of three entrees – gyros dinner, prime rib sandwich or fried chicken salad – please indicate your choice when you R.S.V.P. to Tonja Karren by noon Jan. 21. E-mail wadetonja@earthlink.net or call 660-747-2742.

The charity of the month is Trails Library in Warrensburg. For more details see the OSC website www.orgsites.com/mo/whitemanosoc.

Christmas tree recycling

Base housing residents can put their live trees, stripped of all ornaments and decorations, at the curb in front of their house on the normal recycle day for pick-up, or bring it to the recycle center across from the shoppette. There is a sign just inside the gate at the recycle center to show where to pile the trees.

Members living off base may also bring their Christmas trees to the recycle center for disposal.

Flu vaccine now available

The 509th Medical Group has received the flu vaccine and is currently vaccinating mission critical military personnel, high-risk beneficiaries as well as all other beneficiaries. Vaccination of all military members is mandatory and should be completed as soon as possible.

High-risk individuals include: children ages 6 months – 9 years, adults older than 65-years-old, adults between ages 50-64, adults and children with a chronic health condition (heart disease, diabetes, kidney disease, asthma, cancer, HIV, etc. women who will be pregnant during the flu season and people who live with a high-risk person.

Stop by the immunizations clinic located in the 509th Medical Group to receive the vaccination during normal duty hours, which are listed as follows: Monday-Thursday 7:30 a.m.-4 p.m. and Friday 8:30 a.m.-4 p.m.. The clinic is closed on weekends and Monday-Friday from noon-1 p.m. for lunch. For more information, call 687-4304.

A New Year's resolution for blues

Effective Jan. 1, enlisted members are required to wear the U.S. circled insignia, replacing the uncircled insignia still being worn by officers. The change is a revert back to the original insignia worn by enlisted members from 1918 to the early 1990's. The new insignia is available now at the military clothing store.



Team effort



Courtesy photo

The 509th Security Forces Squadron has achieved something for only the second time in 10 years. The members earned the opportunity to place the squadron B-2 on the Spirit Gate Challenge Honor Roll board. This signifies that they have been DUI free for six-months. As the largest squadron on base this achievement was accomplished through teamwork and dedication.

Air Force officials take 'strategic communication to next level'

By Staff Sgt. Julie Weckerlein

Air Force Print News

WASHINGTON — Top Air Force leaders attending a strategic communication summit here Dec. 19 outlined an ambitious blueprint for Airmen to tell the nation about their service's contributions to the war on terrorism.

In a day-long, wide-ranging discussion, Secretary of the Air Force Michael Wynne and Chief of Staff Gen. T. Michael Moseley said they want to move decisively over the course of the next year to empower Airmen at all levels to explain what the Air Force brings to the fight and how Airmen are serving heroically alongside their Army, Navy and Marine partners.

"Our major challenge is a lack of awareness of what the Air Force does," Gen. Moseley said.

The chief of staff noted that in some ways the Air Force has been a victim of its own success in providing everything from refueling and airlift to air and space dominance for the nation.

"We make it look easy. It's not easy," he said.

A panel of prominent journalists urged General Moseley and Secretary Wynne to be far more aggressive in meeting with media and telling the Air Force's story to a public that is often unaware of the service's contributions. The journalists told Air Force leaders that it is not self-serving to explain the service's

roles in the war on terrorism and doing so does not diminish the other services' contributions.

Peter Spiegel, Pentagon reporter for the Los Angeles Times, told attendees "I don't think advocating for the Air Force is speaking against the other services. It's a disservice if you don't tell the story."

General Moseley and Secretary Wynne agreed the Air Force as an institution can be more forward-leaning in showing how air power is essential to assuring an American way of life. They both said the public often overlooks the Air Force's roles because the service has been so dominant in the sky for so long.

"American soldiers have not been attacked by air since the Korean War," General Moseley said.

Those attending the Summit also heard from a panel of marketing and branding experts who advocated for a consistent internal and external message effort. They noted that the Air Force has many stories to tell; but it's important to target relevant stories to specific audiences to heighten the impact of the messages.

Additionally, in support of an effort to enhance the Air Force brand, the panel recommended identifying and highlighting the different ways the Air Force is engaged in the fight and the capabilities it brings. The gathering allowed Air Force strategic communications and public affairs leaders to lay out a plan to



U.S. Air Force illustration by Mike Carabajal

At a strategic communication summit held at the Pentagon Dec. 19, top Air Force leaders outlined an ambitious blueprint for Airmen to tell the nation about the service's contributions to the war on terrorism.

increase public awareness of the Air Force's roles in wartime while helping to shape the future debate about military roles and missions.

"It's time to take strategic communication to the next level," General Moseley said.

Senior leaders described the next year as critical in explaining the vital role that airpower plays in the joint fight and convincing Congress and the public that a recapitalized and vibrant Air Force is critical to the nation's security.

"I'm not going to pull back the throttle," General Moseley said, referring to his belief that the Air Force must aggressively tell its story.

Secretary Wynne said he has been impressed by the Air Force's ability to fight current

wars while preserving future dominance.

"Five years from now, we need to be driving an innovative Air Force," Secretary Wynne said, noting that when he assumed office he was gravely concerned the Air Force had lost its spark of innovation.

Instead, he found a group willing to engage in the necessary research and development to build a future force that can fight in air, space and cyberspace.

General Moseley said he wants airmen to deliver a "constant and unrelenting" message about the Air Force's roles not just in the fight in Iraq and Afghanistan, but also in the fight to provide for the strategic defense of America now and in the future.

74 Whiteman members promoted in January

Seventy-four Team Whiteman members received new stripes Wednesday during a promotion ceremony at the Mission's End. They are:



AIRMEN

Matthew Kirchnavy and **Matthew Robertson**, 509th Aircraft Maintenance Squadron
Casey Griffis, 509th Maintenance Squadron
Derek Johnson, 509th Munitions Squadron



AIRMEN 1ST CLASS

Darrein Cornelius, 394th Combat Training Squadron
Keith Folsom, **Latoya Henderson**, **Stephen McMullen** and **Matthew Schlotthauer**, 509th AMXS
Nathan White, 509th Comptroller Squadron
India Brinson and **Aaron Haddock**, 509th Logistics Readiness Squadron
Robert Street, 509th MXS
Jessica Forsythe, 509th Medical Operations Squadron
Joshua Luther, **Colton Obanion** and **Marc Rinke**, 509th MUNS
James Hill, 509th Security Forces Squadron
Lenora McIntier, 509th Services Squadron



SENIOR AIRMEN

Dennis Collins, **Bryan Green** and **Casey Richardson**, 509th Communications Squadron
Nels Muller, 509th LRS
Tarren Granberry, **Robert Heidenreich**, **Alipate Leone** and **Kalven Metz**, 509th MXS
Lytisha Clark, 509th MDOS
Aaron Engelke, 509th MUNS
Clint Faddis and **Elbert Forsythe**, 509th Operations Support Squadron
Victor Martino, **David Nondorf** and **Eric Ryan**, 509th SFS
Christopher Gora and **Kamwren Nichols**, 509th SVS



STAFF SERGEANTS

Brian Banach, **Cleveland Coley**, **Michael Harris**, **Mason Mechill**, **Brandon Stanbrough** and **Daniel Youmans**, 509th AMXS
Damon Brooks, 509th CS
Laurence Holter, 509th CPTS
Oscar Soto-Irizarry, and **David Wheeler**, 509th LRS
Jennifer Shirley, 509th Maintenance Operations Squadron
Jonathan Harper and **Brenton Scott**,

509th MXS
Christopher Casoria and **Angela Swinney**, 509th MDOS
William Boyer, **John Burkhart**, **Gideon Gooden** and **Cory Miles**, 509th MUNS

Matthew Herrera, 509th OSS
Kyle Larson and **Justin Schwartz**, 509th SFS
Stephanie Canfield, 509th SVS



TECHNICAL SERGEANTS

Bradford Jones, 509th AMXS
Gerald Lazarow, 509th Civil Engineer Squadron
Jesse Perkins, 509th MXS
Jason Close, 509th MUNS
Merl Tilley, 509th SFS



MASTER SERGEANTS

Dana Fraher, 509th Bomb Wing
Thomas Nevins, 509th CES

David Royko, 509th Maintenance Group
Mona Wendzillo, 509th MOS
Jay Namm and **Melanie Platt**, 509th MXS

Elsie Houey, 509th SVS
David Burges, 72nd Test and Evaluation Squadron



SENIOR MASTER SERGEANT

Steven Brito, 509th MOS



CHIEF MASTER SERGEANTS

Jeffrey Montgomery, 509th MOS

3 'STEP' up



Photo by Airman 1st Class Stephen Linch

Staff Sgt. Edward Crissen, 509th Aircraft Maintenance Squadron, is presented a certificate awarding him technical sergeant stripes from Brig. Gen. Greg Biscone, 509th Bomb Wing commander, during a Stripes for Enlisted Performers promotion ceremony Dec. 21.



Photo by Airman 1st Class Stephen Linch

Staff Sgt. Rebecca Logan, 509th Operations Support Squadron, is presented a certificate awarding her technical sergeant stripes from Brig. Gen. Greg Biscone, 509th Bomb Wing commander, during a Stripes for Enlisted Performers promotion ceremony Dec. 21.



Photo by Staff Sgt. Rob Hazelett

Staff Sgt. Corey Keiley, 509th Communications Squadron, is presented his technical sergeant stripes from Brig. Gen. Greg Biscone, 509th Bomb Wing commander, during a Stripes for Enlisted Performers promotion ceremony Dec. 21.

STEP promotions are reserved for staff sergeants to master sergeants, and presented to selectees who have had approved recommendations by their commanders and meet the following criteria: candidates have performed outstanding in their duty sections, are involved in off-duty activity in local communities, worked on self-improvement and have been recognized for their job or non-duty performance.

Team Whiteman Community

MDG hosts informational briefing

The 509th Medical Group hosts an informational meeting at 10:30 a.m. Monday, at the community activity center.

It is open to anyone on base that has questions about TRICARE medical or dental coverage. There will be a representative from United Concordia to answer any dental coverage questions.

There will also be a TRIWEST representative and a beneficiary counseling and assistance coordinator to help with any TRICARE benefit related issues.

There will also be a TRICARE online briefing that will detail registration and use of the service.

For more information, contact Nina Dickey at 687-4350.

Mother-daughter tea party

There will be a mother-daughter tea party 2 p.m. Jan. 21, at Mission's End. The cost for this event is \$5 per person.

To purchase your tickets contact Leslie at 563-5882 or e-mail at lesiegddrd@yahoo.com

Lodging reservations

If you are active duty, retired, a member of the Reserve or Guard, family or friends of authorized personnel, DOD civilians, or hold a valid military identification card you could qualify for Space-A lodging reservations at installations throughout the military.

Reservations can be made up to 30 days in advance, with space permitting, at a location near your travel plans.

Call 687-1844 for questions or reservations. For reservations at Air Force bases call toll free 1-888-AFLODGE (235-6343).

Education

Call the base education center at 687-5750 for more details on these events.

Leaders encouraging Airmen development program

The U.S. Air Force Academy is looking for young enlisted Airmen who demonstrate outstanding character and values coupled with leadership potential to consider the opportunity of a commissioning path through our Academy.

As of July 1, 2007, they must be under the age of 23 to apply for direct

entry to the Academy; under 22 to apply for prep school entry; and both options are limited to those Airmen with less than six years of service.

The deadline for completing the AF Form 1786, Application for Appointment to USAFA for Enlisted Members is Jan. 31.

For more information, contact Holly Idems at 687-2420.

State Fair has new hours

In an effort to better meet customer needs the Whiteman State Fair Community College office will now be open from 7:30 a.m. - 5 p.m. Monday-Friday.

If you have questions, please call the SFCC office at 563-3358.

New hours for base training and education center

Due to manning shortages, the base training and education services office will be on an appointment-only basis during afternoon hours.

Walk-ins are still welcome during morning hours.

Customer service hours are:

Monday - Thursday

7:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m. - Walk-ins

12:30 - 4:30 p.m. - Appointment only

Friday

9 a.m. - 12:30 p.m. - Walk-ins

12:30 - 4:30 p.m. - Appointment only
Call 687-5750 to make an appointment.

Online tuition assistance

Tuition assistance requests must now be completed online through the Air Force Virtual Education Center.

The Website is www.my.af.mil/afvecprod/.

Logon using your Air Force portal account.

Once you get to AFVEC click the "Apply for TA" link on the right side and follow the prompts. If you have any problems call the education center at 687-5750.

We also have computers at your disposal in the office and we are right here to guide you through the process.

Kuder career planning system

The Kuder Career Planning System is an online career assessment tool that relates the results of interests, skills and work values to occupational information.

Kuder provides direct links to job opportunities, financial aid information, and additional career development resources. Kuder also assists in setting goals and making career decisions.

For more information, call Larry Broudrick at 687-2420.

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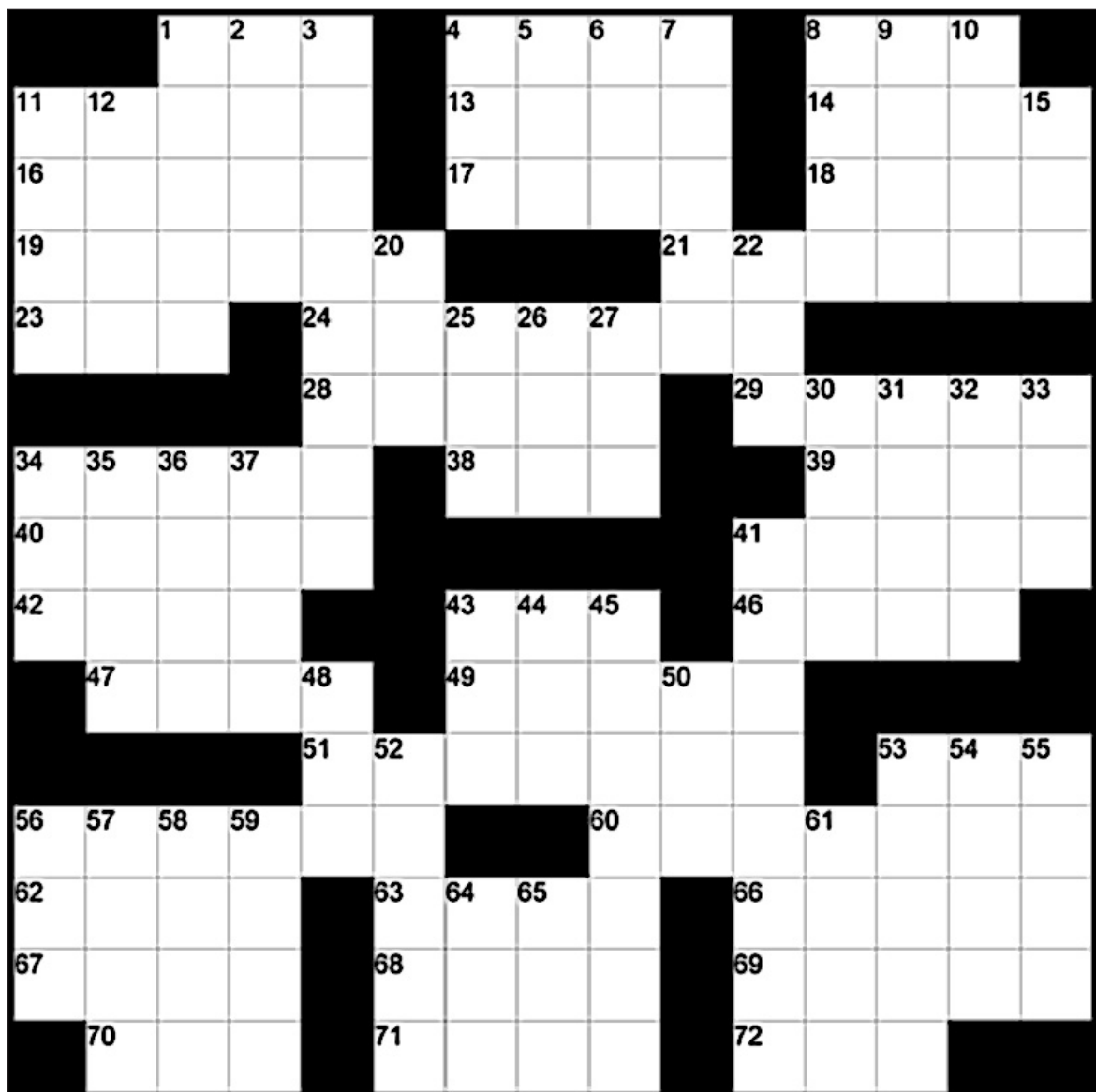
ACROSS

1. US Army org., once
4. Inspector General (SAF/IG)
8. Op and Deco
11. Shatter
13. Native maid or nurse in India
14. Strategic Plans and Programs (A8)
16. Heart chamber
17. "Pistol ____;" basketball legend Maravich's nickname
18. Actor Jared
19. Guest
21. Condense
23. USAF commissioning source
24. Intelligence (A2)
28. Beer type
29. Judge Advocate General (AF/JA)
34. Secretary of the Air Force (SAF/OS)
38. ____ Arbor
39. 80s music group
40. Ebullient
41. Tropical eel
42. Soda machine opening
43. Appendage
46. Tribe
47. Major or Minor
49. Item used to stop an airplane tire
51. Huge statues
53. Dancing with the Stars Carreer
56. Director of Communications (SAF/CM)
60. Ira ____; 1970s counterculture icon, killer
62. Fits to ____
63. Knob
66. Trained in a classical or operatic tradition
67. Profoundly wise person; a per-

- son famed for wisdom
68. Great Lake
69. Delete
70. Undermine
71. ____ Martin; cognac maker
72. Affirmative

DOWN

1. Tips off
2. Movie dog
3. Air, Space and Info Operations, Plans and Requirement (A3/5)
4. Sabotage
5. Vote in favor
6. Small rug
7. Turtle's home
8. Leather working tools
9. Performs
10. Coddle
11. Mil. travel org.
12. Champagne type
15. Wear
20. Afternoon beverage
22. Hearing organ
25. Tiger Woods' org.
26. X to Caesar
27. Ornate vase
30. American
31. Designer Wang
32. Actress ____ Rachel Wood
33. Bean type
34. Director Craven
35. River separating DPRK and PRC
36. The Killing Fields Best Supporting Actor
37. New Jersey team
41. Chief Master Sgt. of the Air Force (CMSAF)
43. Site of common sports injury, in brief
44. Greek letter
45. Air Force Chief of Staff (AF/



Turn to Page 9 for the answers to this week's crossword.

- CC)
48. Pilot with 5+ kills
50. CBS TV show
52. More aged
53. Roman garb

54. Eye part
55. Poker bet
56. ____ Vegas
57. Greek letters
58. Under Secretary of the Air

- Force (SAF/US)
59. Leak
61. In this place
64. Fury
65. ____ High



Whiteman AFB MO SERVICES

Combat Support & Community Service

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Today

Karaoke

Youth ages 9-12 enjoy a little bit of fame as they sing at karaoke, 4-5 p.m. at the teen center.

Youth member's party

Youth programs is having a party for youth program's members, 6:30-9:30 p.m. at the teen center. Party cost is \$1 and is for ages 6-8.

Saturday

Valentines for the troops

Youth ages 5-13 hang out at the community center and make Valentines to send to the troops, 3-4 p.m.

Weekend wings

Wings, wings, more wings and drink specials at the wings buffet, 4-7 p.m. at Mission's End. Buffet cost \$2 members, \$5 nonmembers.

Cooking experience

Teens ages 13-18 learn how to work and be safe in the kitchen while creating a spaghetti dinner, 6-10 p.m. at the teen center.

Monday

Snow Creek deadline

Last chance to stop by and sign up for the outdoor recreation trip to Snow Creek in Weston, Mo, on Jan.13. Cost is \$70 for skiing only and \$90 for skiing and snowtubing.

Member lunch

Mission's End pays tribute to their members with a \$2 lunch, 11 a.m.-1 p.m.

Ceramics

Learn the art of ceramics, 6:30-8:30 p.m. at arts and crafts. Cost is \$20 plus supplies.

BCS championship

Watch the Ohio State Buckeyes play the Florida Gators, 8 p.m. at Mission's End.

Tuesday

Intermediate jewelry

Learn more intermediate techniques for jewelry making, 9-11 a.m. at arts and crafts. Cost is \$25, supplies included. This is the first of two classes.

Thursday

Knitting

Learn to knit, 5:30-7 p.m. at arts and crafts. Cost is \$25, supplies included. This is the first of three classes.

Beginning drawing

Learn how to draw, 6-8 p.m. at arts and crafts. Cost is \$30, supplies included. This is the first of three classes.



Mission's End



This weeks grill special:
French Dip
\$5.66 for members
\$7.55 for nonmembers

Family child care news

FCC Orientation Class

Receive training to become a licensed family child care provider on Whiteman from 8 a.m.-4 p.m., Jan. 16-19 with CPR and first aid class from 8 a.m.-4 p.m., Jan. 22. Providers with chronic health problems are accepted. The program needs providers who are willing to care for children during swing and evening shifts and children with special needs. Stop by the FCC office to pick up a registration package. Registration must be received by the Wednesday prior to the class.

12 hour crop session

Arts and crafts is having an all day, and night, crop session. The event is from 10 a.m. to 10 p.m. Jan. 12. The cost is \$35, which includes two meals, equipment use and a chance to win door prizes.

Wild card weekend

Watch the games on the big screen at Mission's End this weekend. Take advantage of the appetizer specials and fill up with "Hot Dog Frenzy!"



Comment Corner

Question: Why can't I wash my vehicle at the base car wash? There is a sign above where the coin acceptor that says "due to clogging of the drain, please do not wash any vehicles or any other items that contain excessive amounts of mud or dirt." I don't understand why I can't clean my vehicle after a weekend of hunting; after all, it is a car wash, isn't it?

Answer: The car wash located adjacent to the auto hobby shop is provided for authorized patrons to keep their vehicles clean. It is not designed to clean vehicles with large amounts of mud and dirt.



Winter Pet Care

During the winter season nature provides outdoor animals with natural insulation in the form of a denser haircoat and an added layer of fat just under the skin to help retain body heat. This adaptation does not mean, however, that animals are immune to winter cold.

For outdoor animals snow cover and ice can make it difficult even for large animals to reach their usual sources of food and fresh water. Think about bringing animals indoors. Otherwise, remember that animals need more calories to fend off the cold, so in addition to providing daily fresh water, be sure to give them extra food. When the temperature drops bring pets indoors - dogs and cats are safer indoors.

For more information on winter pet care, contact the vet clinic at 687-2667.

Cook's night out

Every Monday night call in your order to Mission's End, from 4-6 p.m.

January's Menu: Meatloaf, scalloped potatoes, garden salad, dinner rolls and brownies for dessert. This meal can feed up to a family of four! The cost is \$15.95 members, \$17.95 nonmembers.

Auto hobby shop

Learn to do a 21-point car inspection and get a vehicle lift operation certification, 1-3 p.m on Jan. 12. Cost is \$5.

Now showing

Friday

Jackass #2 7 p.m. R
Starring - Johnny Knoxville and Bam Margera

Saturday

Flyboys 7 p.m. PG-13
Starring - James Franco and Scott Hazell

Sunday

Fearless 3 p.m. PG-13
Starring - Jet Li and Shido Nakamura

Adults: \$3.50 Children: \$1.75

Movie Recording Line: 687-5110

Movies subject to change
due to availability.

This time of year we see an exceptionally large number of vehicles that have caked on mud from folks driving off paved surfaces. The problem is the drainage tanks are not large enough to accommodate a large amount of mud. The faster these tanks fill up, the more frequently they have to be cleaned. During a long weekend, this could happen and cause the wash bays to flood; this inconveniences our customers when the dirt washed off the vehicle splashes back up, not to mention the patron is standing in muddy water prior to re-entering their vehicle. You are more than welcome to use the car wash; we only ask that you pre-rinse your vehicle away from the car wash drains. After removing excessive dirt and mud, we invite you to use the car wash to thoroughly clean your vehicle.